

Senate Resolution 104 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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1 A Resolution recognizing the centennial of the
2 formation of the American Legion Auxiliary.

3 WHEREAS, countless concerned women took on the
4 day-to-day responsibilities of life when family members
5 went overseas to fight in World War I; and

6 WHEREAS, aware of the many struggling families and
7 the needs of returning veterans, those same women vowed
8 to continue their roles after the veterans of World War
9 I founded the American Legion on March 5, 1919; and

10 WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary, affiliated
11 with the American Legion, was organized November 10,
12 1919; and

13 WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary is currently
14 a veterans' service organization with members in nearly
15 10,000 American communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary raises
17 millions of dollars every year and uses these funds
18 to support programs in United States Department
19 of Veterans Affairs' medical centers and community
20 programs; and

21 WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary has created
22 and implemented numerous programs for veterans, their
23 families, young people, and the community at large; and

24 WHEREAS, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers
25 are integral to the operation of the United States
26 Department of Veterans Affairs' medical centers,

1 providing diversion and entertainment for patients and
2 assisting with many therapeutic programs; and

3 WHEREAS, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers devote
4 thousands of hours to young women through the Girls
5 State program, Girls Nation program, and other youth
6 programs; and

7 WHEREAS, with the philosophy of "service, not
8 self," the American Legion Auxiliary develops a strong
9 spirit of volunteerism in its members, who have joined
10 together in the fellowship of giving to others; and

11 WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary embodies the
12 spirit of America that has prevailed through war and
13 peace and continues to stand firmly behind America
14 today; and

15 WHEREAS, the services of the American Legion
16 Auxiliary directly and indirectly touch the lives of
17 all Americans; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate hereby
19 recognizes the centennial of the formation of the
20 American Legion Auxiliary; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate honors
22 and extends its appreciation to the American Legion
23 Auxiliary for its many years of service to Iowans and
24 the country; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
26 the Senate is hereby directed to send copies of this
27 Resolution to Nicole Clapp, National President of the
28 American Legion Auxiliary, in Indianapolis, Indiana.